



Six Ways You Can Do Your Part to Conserve Wildlife

Elephants are just one of Africa's iconic species — and one of the world's most  vulnerable.

There are more than 7 billion people on Earth. Imagine if every one of us committed to do one thing — no matter how small — to protect wildlife every day. Even minor actions can have a major impact when we all work together. Here are ways you can make a difference:

Philip recycles discarded and  disinfected plastics into sheets through the organization Full Circle Africa.

1. Pitch In.

Trash isn't just ugly, it's harmful. Birds can trap their heads in plastic rings. Fish can get stuck in nets. Plus, trash pollutes everyone's natural resources. Do your part by putting trash in its place and keeping your community clean.

2. Recycle.


Find new ways to use things you already own. Manoh Philip Sesay, a YALI Network member in Sierra Leone, uses discarded plastics to create shopping bags, handbags and computer bags.

3. Restore.

Habitat destruction is the main threat to 85 percent of all threatened and endangered species, according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature. You can help reduce this threat by [planting native trees](#) or cleaning up beaches in your area.

4. Join.

Whether you're more interested in protecting natural habitats or preventing wildlife trafficking, find the organization that speaks to your passion. If such an organization doesn't exist in your community, create one!

Organizations such as Save the Rhino provide volunteer opportunities in Kenya, Uganda  and Zimbabwe.

5. Volunteer.

One way to support an organization is to donate your time. Many offer volunteer programs. You can help clean beaches, rescue wild animals or teach tourists about your local habitat.

6. Speak Up.

Share your passion for wildlife conservation with your family. Tell your friends how they can help. Ask everyone you know to do what they can to help conserve Africa's wildlife.
